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Frankly Speaking...



Rep. Frankel speaking with girls at Lake Worth Shelter.

Rep. Frankel Visited Lake Worth Shelter Housing Immigrant Girls

Congresswoman Lois Frankel (FL-21), visited the newly opened Lake Worth Shelter and told reporters, “Today at the shelter, we saw the lucky ones. Unlike many other detention facilities in our country, the Rinconcito del Sol facility is well-run, spacious and clean. I spoke with the girls and they told me of the horrendous conditions in their home countries. The shelter is providing them with a safe space where they have access to clean clothes, food, doctors and education. I will visit this center again when they have reached the capacity to make sure everything is still running smoothly.” *A week later the Congresswoman visited the Homestead Facility for unaccompanied minors and stressed the importance that we treat them with humanity and kindness and most importantly

that we reunite them with their families as quickly as possible.

Welch, Bilirakis, Frankel Introduce Bipartisan, Bicameral Bill to Stop Online Booking Scams

Bill Introduced in the U.S. Senate by Senators Daines, Klobuchar

Washington, D.C. – Members of Congress led by Rep. Peter Welch (VT-AL), Rep. Gus Bilirakis (FL-12), and Rep. Lois Frankel (FL-21) today introduced bipartisan legislation to protect consumers from online booking scams.

“Florida is a top tourism destination, and families booking a dream vacation here shouldn’t worry that an online scam will turn it into a nightmare. Our bill cracks down on booking fraud, so folks aren’t ripped off by bad actors,” **said Congresswoman Frankel.**

The Stop Online Booking Scams Act of 2019 makes it unlawful for a third-party online hotel reservation seller who is not affiliated with the hotel to advertise promote or sell a reservation if they state or imply that they are the actual owner or operator of the hotel. It makes a failure to comply an unfair or deceptive act under the Federal Trade Commission Act. Further, it gives state Attorneys General the authority to bring a civil action against companies who violate this provision.

To read the full bill, click [HERE](#). Reps. Frankel and Welch also [introduced this bill last Congress](#).

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Congresswoman Frankel Meets with Local Independent Pharmacy Owners to Discuss Lowering the Cost of Prescription Drugs

Congresswoman Lois Frankel (FL-21) met at a local independent pharmacy in her district with other independent pharmacy owners to discuss the cost of prescription drugs and how that impacts these small businesses as well as their customers.

Congresswoman Frankel's Remarks on House Floor Regarding H Res. 246

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.Res.246, a bipartisan resolution that opposes the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement, strongly supports a two-state solution, and affirms the Constitutional right of American citizens to free speech.

Let's be clear about what BDS is and is not – BDS is not a social justice movement. BDS is an international effort to economically, politically and culturally isolate our close ally Israel. It claims to support the interests of Palestinians, but instead unfairly singles out Israel, undermining prospects for a two-state solution by demanding concessions of one party alone and encouraging the Palestinians to reject negotiations in favor of international pressure. BDS doesn't recognize the right of the Jewish people to national self-determination, a right proclaimed by the United Nations, and some of its supporters even advocate for Israel's complete destruction, proving they do not have the best interests of the Israeli and Palestinian people at heart. Omar Barghouti, a co-founder of the movement, has said as much: "Most definitely, we oppose a Jewish state in any part of Palestine." BDS claims to be a human rights movement, yet ignores Palestinian terrorist attacks targeting Israeli civilians, including more than 18,000 rockets and 105 suicide bombings, as well as human rights abuses perpetrated by Palestinian leaders against their own people.

Members of Congress, both Democrats and Republicans, support a strong U.S.-Israel relationship because we understand Israel's security affects our nation's security. This can never become a partisan issue. I'll keep working alongside my colleagues to strengthen our bilateral relationship and advance peace in the region.

Thank you to the sponsors of the resolution, which puts Congress on the record opposing the discriminatory BDS campaign against Israel and supporting a negotiated solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict resulting in two states.



Rep. Frankel celebrates Medicare's 54th Birthday at Lourdes Noreen McKeen.

Congresswoman Frankel Celebrates Medicare's 54th Birthday with Constituents

Congresswoman Frankel met with constituents this morning to not only celebrate Medicare's 54th Birthday but to hear from them how important Medicare is to their day to day lives.

If you have questions regarding Medicare, please visit <https://www.medicare.gov/>

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website at <https://frankel.house.gov/legislation/sponsoredbills.htm>

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I look forward to meeting you, hearing from you and serving you.